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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

<u>VIA FACSIMILE</u> TC3700 703-872-9302

Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a two-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, said period of response being extended from July 22, 2002 to September 23, 2002.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2725 the amount of \$400 to cover the required extension fee for a large entity. Please charge any additional necessary fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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